

3. PROTOCOL ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS

Geneva, 19 September 1949

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20 December 1953, in accordance with article 58.

REGISTRATION: 20 December 1953, No. 1671.

STATUS: Signatories: 14. Parties: 40.

TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 182, p. 229, and vol. 514, p. 254 (amendments to the Protocol)¹.

Note: The Convention was prepared and opened for signature by the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport held at Geneva from 23 August to 19 September 1949. It was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations pursuant to resolution [147 B \(VII\)](#)² of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, adopted on 28 August 1948. The Conference also prepared and opened for signature the Protocol concerning countries or territories at present occupied and the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals and reached certain other decisions which are recorded in the Final Act of the Conference. For the text of the said Final Act, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 125, p. 3.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Austria	19 Sep 1949	2 Nov 1955	Monaco		25 Sep 1951 a
Belgium	19 Sep 1949	23 Apr 1954	Montenegro ⁴		23 Oct 2006 d
Bulgaria		13 Feb 1963 a	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁵	19 Sep 1949	19 Sep 1952
Burkina Faso.....		31 Aug 2009 a	Niger		5 Mar 1968 a
Cambodia.....		14 Mar 1956 a	Norway	19 Sep 1949	
Cuba.....		1 Oct 1952 a	Poland		29 Oct 1958 a
Czech Republic ³		2 Jun 1993 d	Portugal.....		15 Feb 1957 a
Denmark	19 Sep 1949	1 Jul 1959	Romania.....		26 Jan 1961 a
Dominican Republic		15 Aug 1957 a	Russian Federation		17 Aug 1959 a
Ecuador.....		26 Sep 1962 a	Rwanda		5 Aug 1964 d
Egypt.....	19 Sep 1949	28 May 1957	San Marino		19 Mar 1962 a
Finland.....		24 Sep 1958 a	Senegal.....		13 Jul 1962 a
France	19 Sep 1949	18 Aug 1954	Serbia ⁶		12 Mar 2001 d
Greece.....		1 Jul 1952 a	Slovakia ³		28 May 1993 d
Haiti		12 Feb 1958 a	Spain		13 Feb 1958 a
Holy See		1 Oct 1956 a	Sweden.....	19 Sep 1949	25 Feb 1952
Hungary		30 Jul 1962 a	Switzerland	19 Sep 1949	
India.....	29 Dec 1949		Thailand.....		15 Aug 1962 a
Israel	19 Sep 1949		Tunisia		8 Nov 1957 a
Italy.....	19 Sep 1949	15 Dec 1952	Uganda.....		15 Apr 1965 a
Kyrgyzstan.....		22 Mar 1994 a	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....		16 May 1966 a
Lebanon	19 Sep 1949				
Liechtenstein.....		2 Mar 2020 a			
Luxembourg.....	19 Sep 1949	17 Oct 1952			

Declarations and Reservations
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)

AUSTRIA⁷

Subject to the reservation in respect of paragraph 1 of article 45 contained in paragraph 7 (f) of the Final Act of the Conference on Road and Motor Transport.

BULGARIA⁸

FINLAND

"With reference to article 15, paragraph 5 of this Protocol, the Government of Finland reserve the right to use the Saint Andrew's Cross at level-crossings with gates."

HUNGARY⁹

"The Hungarian People's Republic does not consider itself bound by the provision of paragraph 5, article 15 of the Protocol which stipulates that level-crossings with gates shall not be provided with a sign in the form of a Saint Andrew's cross."

NORWAY¹⁰

Subject to the reservation in respect of paragraph 5 of article 15 contained in paragraph 7 (e) of the Final Act of the Conference on Road and Motor Transport.

ROMANIA

The Romanian People's Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 62, under which any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Protocol may be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision by application from any of the States concerned. The position of the Romanian People's Republic is that the agreement of all the parties in dispute is required in each case for the submission of any dispute to the International Court of Justice for decision.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION¹¹

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 62 of the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, which lays down that disputes between Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of this Protocol may be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision by application from any of the States concerned, and declares that the agreement of all the States in dispute is required in each separate case for the submission of any dispute to the International Court of Justice for decision.

SWEDEN¹⁰

Subject to the reservation in respect of paragraph 5 of article 15 contained in paragraph 7 (e) of the Final Act of the Conference on Road and Motor Transport.

Territorial Application

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁵	14 Jan 1955	Netherlands New Guinea and Suriname
	9 May 1957	Netherlands Antilles
Portugal	15 Feb 1957	Portuguese Overseas Provinces of Angola and Mozambique
Spain	13 Feb 1958	African localities and provinces

Notes:

¹ Registration: 22 October 1964, No. 1671. The proposal for these amendments was communicated to the Secretary-General by the Government of France on 3 February 1964 pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 60 of the Protocol. In accordance with paragraph 5 of the same article, they entered into force on 22 October 1964 as regards all the Contracting Parties, with the exception that the Government of Portugal, having notified the Secretary-General of its objection to the amendment adding new paragraph 3 bis to article 35, is not bound by that amendment. For the text of the Protocol incorporating the said amendments, see *United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport*,

Final Act and Related Documents (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1967.VIII.1).

² *Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council, during its seventh session (E/1065)*, p. 8.

³ Czechoslovakia had signed and ratified the Protocol on 28 December 1949 and 3 November 1950, respectively. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ See note 1 under "Netherlands" regarding "Aruba/Netherlands Antilles" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Protocol on 19 September 1949 and 8 October 1956, respectively. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ The said reservation reads as follows:

"That the signs for the special identification of routes in Austria may be either rectangular or circular in shape."

⁸ In a notification received on 6 May 1994, the Government of Bulgaria notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation made upon accession with respect to article 62. For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 453, p. 354.

⁹ In a communication received on 8 December 1989, the Government of Hungary notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation with respect to article 62 of the Protocol made upon accession. For the text of the reservation see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 434, p. 290.

¹⁰ The said reservation reads as follows:

"That the use of the Saint Andrew's Cross at level-crossings with gates shall be permitted in Sweden and Norway."

¹¹ The Government of Greece has informed the Secretary-General that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions to which the reservation is made, as far as the Soviet Union is concerned.

